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With regard to Mr. Lazar's point, that is a problem with very many Speakers. At the recent Presiding Officers' Conference, I had the same difficulty. I could not catch the Speaker's eye. (Laughter.)

SRI A- V, P. ASAITHAMBI : கேள்வி நேரத்தை $1\frac{1}{2}$ மணி யாக ஆக்கினால் நல்லதாக இருக்கும். ஆகவே இதை பிஸினஸ் அட்வைசரி கமிட்டியிலே வைத்து. . . .

MR. SPEAKER : The Assembly Rule says that Question Hour shall be one hour. When the rules are placed before the House, Members can move an amendment that it should be extended. Then, I would have no objection. Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—CORRECTION TO AN ANSWER.

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister for Home wants to correct the answer to a supplementary question put by Sri K. Anbazhagan on 12th March 1958 under Question No. 299.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : In reply to a supplementary by Sri K. Anbazhagan on Starred Question No. 299, the Minister for Industries stated on 12th March 1958, that the Mining, the Fertiliser and the Thermal Power Schemes of the Integrated Lignite Project, had all been included in the 'Core of the Plan'. It has subsequently been found that even though the Government of India had previously informed the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (Private), Limited, that the Project as a whole had been included in the 'Core of the Plan' they have subsequently intimated the Corporation that only the Mining Scheme in the Project has been included in the 'Core of the Plan'. The Neyveli Lignite Corporation (Private), Limited, has however recommended to the Government of India that the entire project should be brought into the 'Core of the Plan' as the schemes are closely interlinked and mutually dependent.

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE OUTBREAK OF FIRE IN TINDIVANAM TOWN.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Sir, I rise to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Home to a matter of urgent public importance, viz. :

"The outbreak of fire in Tindivanam Town in July 1958, and the consequent loss to properties worth about three lakhs of rupees, and the failure of the Government to provide a fire station in that town."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, three fire accidents were reported to the Fire Service from Tindivanam Municipal Town during July 1958 on the 16th, 20th and
23rd. The fire accident that occurred on 16th July 1958 was at 10-20 a.m.
Bazaar street, Tindivanam, at 11-00 hours in which Rs. 2 lakhs worth of property was damaged. The Fire Units of Cuddalore, Chingleput, Villupuram and Pondicherry Fire Stations turned out and the fire was completely extinguished in $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The cause

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of the fire is reported to be a spark from an oven. There was no loss of human life. The fire that broke out on the 20th July 1958 was at about 13-20 hours. Standing crops over an area of 20 acres was involved. The fire units of Villupuram and Chingleput tackled the fire and it was completely put out in 20 minutes. The value of the property damaged was Rs. 1,500. The cause of the fire is reported to be the careless disposal of a lighted cigar. There was no casualty in the fire accident. The third fire that occurred was on 23rd July 1958 at 12-42 hours, in which four thatched dwelling houses with household articles were involved. The fire units of Villupuram were turned out and the fire was completely extinguished within one hour. The actual damage was estimated at Rs. 200. The cause of the fire is reported to be a spark from an oven. There was no casualty.

In 1944, when the question of retention of A.R.P. equipment on a peace-time basis was considered, it was approved in principle that the fire service should be organized in the then 60 Municipal towns of the composite Madras State. Tindivanam Municipality was not one of the places included in the above list. Subsequently in 1954, the Inspector-General of Police, Fire Service Branch, drew up a list of places in which fire stations had to be opened including Tindivanam and Tindivanam was given the eighth place in that priority list. As the above scheme was drawn up a long time ago and as many other municipalities have come into being since then a revised priority list in the matter of opening new fire stations in the State has been drawn up in July 1958 in consultation with the Inspector-General of Police (Fire Service Branch), taking into account the various aspects, such as the importance of the town, its population, industrial and other fire risks in and around the town, water sources available, the needs of the municipalities concerned, etc. According to the revised priority list, Tindivanam Municipal Town has been given the fourth place in the order of priority.

Proposals have since been received from the Inspector-General of Police, Fire Service Branch, for establishing new fire stations in the first four places in the order of priority including Tindivanam for consideration as Part II Scheme for 1959–60. The proposals are under consideration.

IV.—GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION.

AMENDMENT TO THE ESTATE DUTY ACT, 1953 (34 OF 1953).

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move that—

"Whereas by resolutions passed in pursuance of Article 252 of the Constitution, the levy of estate duty in respect of agricultural land in the State of Madras is governed by the Estate Duty Ac, 1953 (34 of 1953) passed by Parliament;